

ight at the start of our engagement Adam and I counted up all our friends and family and roughly came up with a number of 75 guests for our wedding day and 100 for the evening. I cut a couple of cousins I haven't seen for at least 10 years and to be honest the whole process seemed fairly painless.

That was until we sent out the save the dates. After emailing my mum for a few addresses she replied asking for a friend of hers to be invited and "accidentally" cc'd the same friend in! This has now left us all in a rather awkward situation where no one has said anything and I'm frankly too scared to check my own emails.



Mum's pile

of invites

starts from

here

But it's not just her – my soon to be mother-in-law has also got in on the act, inviting her neighbour and partner (who have now cancelled their holiday to come) and we have received numerous texts and phone calls regarding plus ones. Suddenly our numbers have shot up and all I can picture is me mumbling my vows in front of a sea of unfamiliar faces.

The best compromise we can come up with is this: if we haven't met you, you ain't coming. Why should we have to pay for people we don't know and probably won't see again to come along and have a free party? Chances are they probably don't even want to make awkward conversation at a wedding for someone they hardly know anyway. Failing that, our numbers for the evening reception will shoot up dramatically as we hand out token invites and try not to offend anyone!

Come along to our evening do – my mum's probably invited you already.